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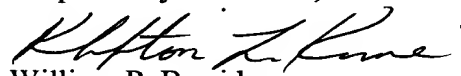
By this Amendment, claims 25, 26 and 27 are amended to correct minor informalities introduced by the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated July 13, 2004. No new matter is added.

Consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the Amendment is proper since they are needed for proper protection of the invention and they require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office. The Amendment deletes a double recitation of a claim term for the sake of clarity of claims 25, 26 and 27. Minimal additional work on the part of the Patent Office should be required to consider and enter these changes since the amended claim language is consistent with claims 23-24, 28-29 and 32-33 as amended by the July 13, 2004 Examiner's Amendment.

Favorable consideration and entry of the Amendment is therefore earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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